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SUBJECT: CERP 0002 - SOVIET-MALAGASY COOPERATION:  
PRESIDENTIAL AIRPLANE AND TRACTOR CONTRACTS SIGNED

REFS: A) ANTANANARIVO 1398; B) ANTANANARIVO 1466

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS SIGNING OF SEVERAL CONTRACTS  
AUGUST 16 FOR SOVIET GIFT OF AIRPLANE AND 200 TRACTORS,  
AND SALE OF 1000 TRACTORS TO MADAGASCAR. CONTRACTS  
SIGNED BY MADAGASCAR MINISTER OF DEFENSE, SIBON GUY,  
AND MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT, SIMON PIERRE, AND  
BY VICE PRESIDENT OF SOVIET STATE COMPANY TRACTORIEXPOR, T,  
SERGEIJ JAKUNICHEV, AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOVIET STATE  
COMPANY AVIAEXPORT, STANISLAS VOLKOV.

2. TWO CONTRACTS ARE FOR GIFT OF IA-40 AIRPLANE AND  
200 MTZ 52 TRACTORS AND REPLACEMENT PARTS. AIRPLANE  
EXPECTED TO ARRIVE BY JANUARY 1979, TRACTORS IN OCTOBER  
1978. TWO OTHER CONTRACTS ARE FOR SALE OF 1000 TRACTORS  
AND REPLACEMENT PARTS: 100 MTZ 80, 80 CV; 700 MTZ 52,  
55 CV; 200 MTZ 50.

3. ANOTHER CONTRACT IS FOR INSTALLATION OF ONE  
CENTRAL, 5 REGIONAL, AND ONE MOBILE REPAIR WORKSHOP  
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FOR TRACTORS.

4. TWO OTHER CONTRACTS ARE FOR SENDING 5 SOVIET  
TECHNICIANS TO MADAGASCAR TO START UP OPERATION OF  
200 GIVEN TRACTORS AND FOR SENDING 200 MALAGASY TRAINEES  
TO SOVIET UNION TO LEARN HOW TO MAINTAIN THESE TRACTORS.  
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